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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SOVIET OVERFLIGHTS OF OMAN

REF: KUWAIT 1711 (NOTAL)

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT RELATED FOLLOWING TO ME MAY 25:
HE HAD ENCOUNTERED THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN THE ANTEROOM OF THE
FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE MAY 23. AS THEY CHATTED, THE OMANI
AMBASSADOR EMERGED FROM THE MINISTER'S OFFICE. THE RUSSIAN
ASKED THE OMANI, "IS THERE ANY WORD YET?" THE OMANI REPLIED
IN THE NEGATIVE. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR ASKED THE RUSSIAN WHAT
WAS GOING ON, AND THE LATTER TOLD HIM THE RUSSIANS HAD REQUESTED
OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION FOR OMAN.

2. COMMENT: OUR FILES DO NOT REVEAL WHETHER OMANIS PROTESTED
SOVIET OVERFLIGHTS THROUGH KUWAITIS, AS WE SUGGESTED THEY DO
(REFTEL). BUT IT LOOKS AS IF SOVIETS ARE NOW USING GOK AS
CHANNEL TO TRY TO LEGALIZE USE OF OMANI AIRSPACE, PRESUMABLY IN
CONNECTION WITH FLIGHTS FROM IRAQ TO ADEN OR ETHIOPIA.
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